

REDS SET NANCHANG AS NEXT OBJECTIVE

Hangchow Falls; No Pressure On Shanghai CHIANG IN TAIWAN?

Shanghai, May 4.
Increased Communist pressure in North Kiangsi Province aimed at the strategic railway city of Nanchang, and the deployment of heavy Communist forces in the semi-circle around the North Western and South Western approaches to Shanghai were the latest important developments in the Chinese civil war reported here today.

Following the capture of Hangchow, Eastern terminus of the Chekiang-Kiangsi railway—by General Chen Yi's Communist armies yesterday evening, Red troops under General Chen Kong, which crossed the Yangtze some 12 days ago in the Kiukiang sector, were reported by the Chinese press here to be bearing down rapidly on the Western end of the same railway.

The independent Chinese paper, "Ta Kung-Pao", said that one Communist column last night captured Fowliang and Loping, East of the Poyang Lake—the latter no more than 35 miles from the nearest point on the line and 80 miles North East of Nanchang.

Chiang In Taiwan?
Reuters reported from Taipeh, capital of Taiwan, that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has arrived at Taichung, the largest town in the centre of Taiwan this morning.

General Cheng Chen, the Governor of Taiwan, left Taipeh hurriedly for Taichung this afternoon.

It is believed that the Generalissimo has come to hold an important conference with high-ranking Kuomintang and Government officials, most of whom are living at Taichung.

A number of vehicles are reported to have been rushed to Taichung to meet emergency requirements.

With Nanking gone and Shanghai treated, Taiwan has acquired new importance as a possible Nationalist defence bastion and it is for this reason that considerable interest was aroused recently by the hurried visit of General Cheng Chen, accompanied by an army and an air force chief, to the Pescadores Islands which lie between Taiwan and the Fukien coast.

However, reports that General Ku Shih-ku as commander with full responsibility for maintaining intact the 130 miles long Nationalist defence line running from the Yangtze near Taichung, in the North West, through Kunshan on the Nanking-Shanghai railway, 60 miles South West to the mouth of the Chientang river.

General Ku is said to have established his field headquarters at Kashing—probably the most exposed sector of the entire line to meet the Red onslaught, which is expected to come from Wu-kang, where heavy Red troops concentrations are reported.

Fresh Troops

To man the newly established cordon sanitaire, crack Nationalist forces are reportedly to be pouring into the city from both Taichung and Taiwan Island.

One Chinese source claimed that nearly 100,000 American-trained and equipped troops have already arrived here from Taiwan to participate in the last defence of China's commercial hub.

One full division of newly arrived soldiers held up traffic for nearly half an hour along Shanghai's noisy crowded Bund at noon today as they marched through under the broiling sun to the Southern outskirts.

The troops appeared unusually well supplied with automatic weapons, heavy and light machine-guns, and large field pieces.

The first major battle since the Communists crossed the Yangtze a fortnight ago is at present raging in the vicinity of Nanking, as Nationalist forces desperately resist 30,000 Red troops massing on the strategic city, 100 miles South West of Shanghai, under the cover of an artillery barrage.

It was reported this evening

Elliot Reach To Close

Canton, May 4.
The Pearl River in the vicinity of Elliot Reach will be closed to all shipping for about 40 hours from 5.00 a.m. tomorrow.

During this period an effort will be made to raise and remove the river steamer *Miau Orient*, which was mined by bandits on March 25.

The time-table of several passenger ships running between Hong Kong and Canton will be accordingly altered.—Reuters.

Ganapathy Hanged In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, May 4.
Britain today hanged A. Ganapathy, former President of the outlawed Pan Malayan Federation of Trade Unions.

Officially the charge was violating emergency regulations forbidding the carrying of arms during Malaya's year-old Communist revolt.

Usually this charge is used to cover cases of captured rebels. However, great secrecy surrounded the Ganapathy case and hanging.

There had been Press protests in India over Ganapathy's sentence who was an Indian resident in Malaya and a British subject.

No incidents were reported among Malaya's 200,000 Indians after the hanging, however.

The Pan Malayan Federation of Trade Union was banned as a Communist front a year ago. An independent British trade union investigation later agreed that the organisation was Communist-controlled.

British officials in Malaya pointed out at the time of the ban that the Labour Government supports non-Communist trade union movement in Malaya and its officials with the sole job of assisting unionisation.—Associated Press.

NY Times Comments On Red Invitation

New York, May 4.
The Times, in an editorial on the Chinese Communists' invitation for the West's co-operation, said today:

"Those wishful-thinkers who suggested we could (and should) go about doing business as usual with the Chinese Communists may get their eyes opened if there are a few more statements in the vein of the most recent Communists' invitation 'for the West to co-operate.'

"The Chinese Communists are doing their best to make us understand what they mean by co-operation. They invite us to co-operate if we co-operate solely on their terms and their terms are getting more and more explicit."

"The offensiveness of the Communist accusation against Britain after their assault on British ships on a peaceful mission is well matched by the arrogance of these terms."

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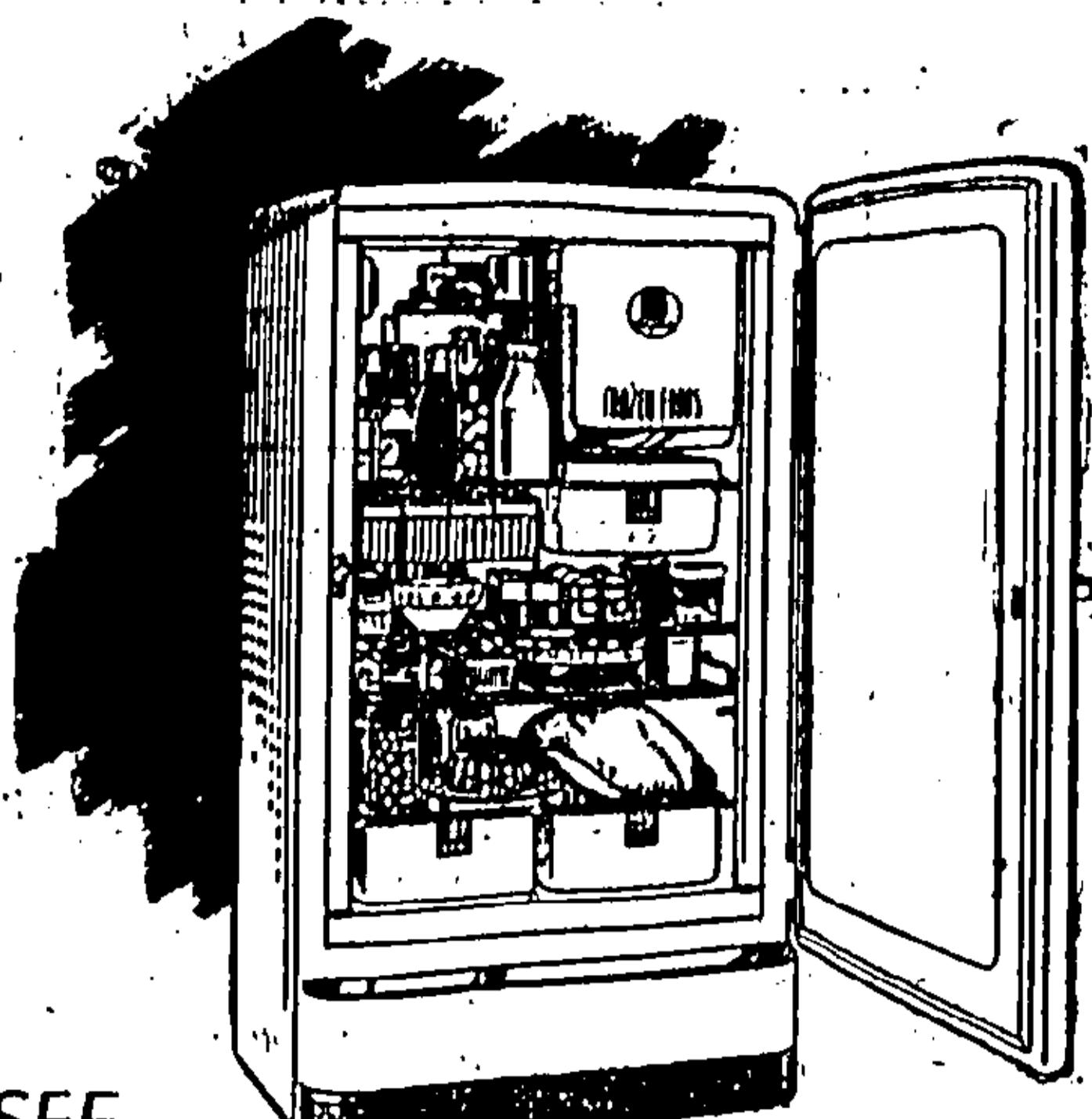
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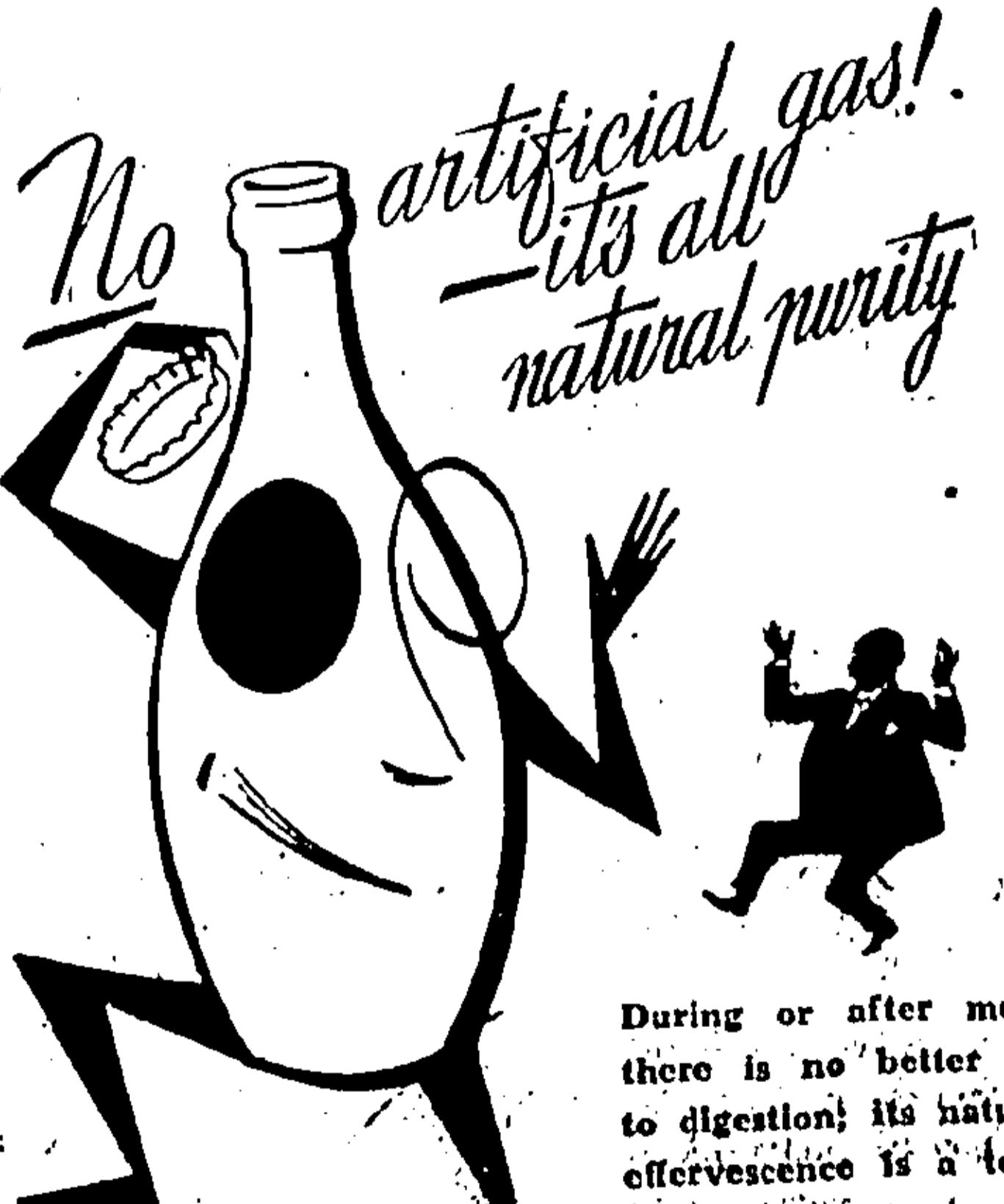
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Correspondence

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Official Thanks

Sir.—May I avail myself of the courtesy of your columns to thank Mr. B. M. Marks, Representative of the J. Arthur Rank Organisation and the Management of the Lee Theatre, the former, for the loan of the super film "Scott of the Antarctic" and the latter for the use of the Theatre and staff for the showing of the film to members of the complements of H.M. ships and USS. Repose.

The generosity displayed on this occasion is most appreciated both by those who own the film and your excellent servant,

W. GORDON HARMON,
Public Relations Officer.

Seaman's Thanks

Sir.—I am one of the members of HMS Consort whom the residents of Hong Kong so kindly and generously invited to share their homes for their leave, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them most sincerely for their kindness and generosity not only to those of us who are sound in health and limb but also to our wounded shipmates and all the other wounded, from the remainder of the ships. It has been very much appreciated by us and we shall never forget.

Once again thank you all very much from the bottom of my heart.

F. DOLAN,
Telegraphist, HMS Consort.

Consort's Appreciation

Sir.—I was one of the ship's company who were entertained by the residents of Hong Kong.

On behalf of the ship's company, I would like to thank all concerned for the kindness and hospitality that they bestowed on us during our 48 hours leave.

More especially I would like to thank Mr. Williams who entertained my friend and myself.

ABLE SEAMAN MCKEE.

Government Reform

Sir.—Since the announcement, last Thursday, of the scheme for revision in the Legislature presented by the Unofficial Member, we have waited patiently to receive the further details of that scheme which would enable us to comment fairly thereupon, as requested by the Hon. Senior Unofficial Member for it is plain that no fair criticism can be offered until we are aware of the proportion of Unofficial representation to be elected and the proportion to be nominated.

A week has now passed without further information being made available and we are, therefore, forced to conclude that our first reaction to this scheme is the correct one, i.e., that it is plently designed to create the illusion of self-government whilst in fact maintaining the status quo, for it must be obvious to all who can read, that if even one Unofficial Member is nominated and receives the support of the Official Members in any motion that may be tabled, then the elected Unofficials will be outvoted and elective representation made a mockery.

There can be no doubt in the mind of any thinking person that it is the intention of our so-called "Vested Interests" to retain their strangle-hold upon the Legislature of this Colony by perpetuating the system of nomination of Unofficial Members representing "special" interests. We wonder whether in claiming the privilege of "special representation," or rather, in accepting Government's tacit admission of such unspoken claim, our "Vested Interests" realise what a strong case they make out for the nationalisation of those interests?

Is it illogical to argue that, if the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, or any other organisation, has become so powerful, its well-being is indispensable to the future of Hong Kong as a British Colony and the destiny of nearly two million people, it should be removed from private ownership without delay and placed under the control of the State? The fate of no British Colony should depend upon the decisions of the Board of Directors of any firm, or group of firms.

The "Vested Interests," though by whom, and with what special privileges, they were vested, we have yet to learn, are in Hong Kong for the same reasons as the rest of us, both British and Chinese, for the business they can do and the profit that they can make. We are of the opinion that if the time ever comes when they fail to extract the profit that they consider they merit, they will have no hesitation in getting out and will be deterred by no commitment regarding the future of Hong Kong or the fate of their employees.

We ask, therefore, on what grounds do these interests claim special representation? We have yet to hear of the Member of Lever Bros., or the Member for Shell-Mex, in the Home Parliament, yet both these organisation provide employment for far more persons and make a far greater contribution to the welfare of the Empire than ever will our legal ruling clan.

If reforms in our Legislature are to be effected, let those reforms be honestly introduced in a manner befitting the democratic way of life. The scheme in its present state is a piece of political double talk, worthy perhaps of a Harry Pollitt or a Boris Crumm, but unworthy of the Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislature of a British Colony.

"W."

Bus Service

Sir.—From time to time, one has come across correspondence in your columns complaining in your columns of the inefficiency of the Colony's bus services. Considerable emphasis is laid on the fact that conditions would be different if such services were operated by a British concern.

Strangely enough, little or nothing has been written about the tram service, which is operated by a British company. Perhaps the absence of any severe criticism regarding this service is due to the fact that very few Englishmen travel by tram.

On Saturday last, when this Colony was deluged with a heavy downpour, practically every tramcar in service was leaking, and passengers who boarded trams without a raincoat alighted with their clothing completely soiled as a result of the unceasing drip, drip, drip.

The seats were all wet and none of the passengers, except those with raincoats, ventured to sit down. Standing passengers who attempted to retain their balance by clutching hold of the narrow beams across the ceiling of trams with their finger-tips received electric shocks.

Since the war, the Hong Kong Tramway Co., Ltd., has made millions of dollars in the way of profits, but no action has yet been taken by this company to provide passengers, who have made these profits possible, with a more efficient and satisfactory service.

It is certainly about time that the Tramway Company disengaged some of the millions made and set about improving the rattle-traps which now serve as trams.

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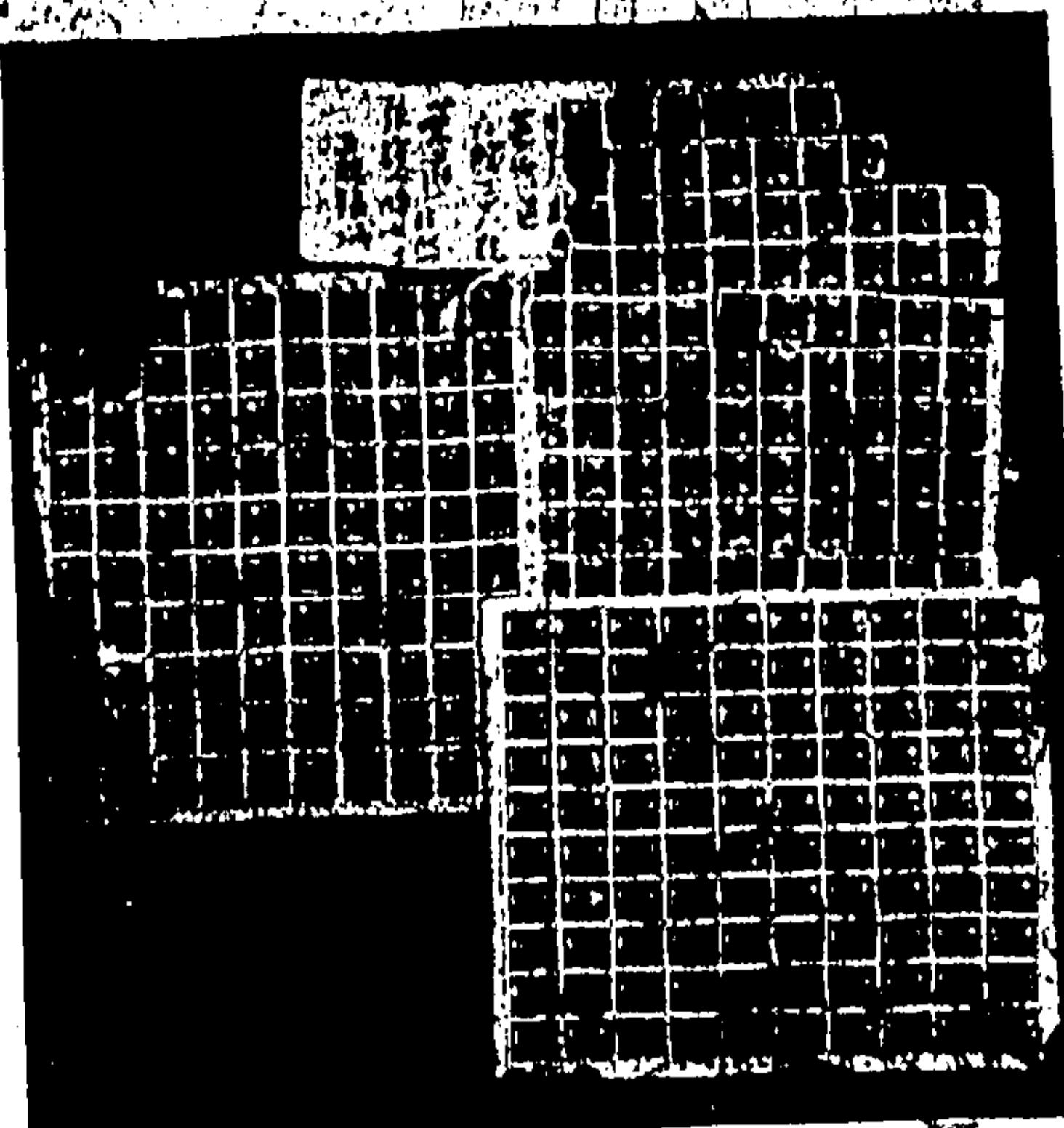
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Because of the rapid inflation in China, the postal authorities no longer bother to overprint postage stamps. Stamps affixed to a letter in some districts outweigh the letter itself. Here is a letter received in Hong Kong yesterday from Chungshan District, near Macao, to which some 375 stamps of GY\$80 each, have been affixed. The stamps after being partially chopped at the post office were folded and pasted to the back of the envelope. "China Mail" Photo.

Peak Tramway's Net Profit

The Peak Tramway Company Limited, at its annual meeting yesterday, reported a net profit of HK\$215,919.32 for the year ended March 31, 1949. This figure compared with HK\$145,937.36 for the preceding 12 months. Mr. D. E. Clark, chairman of the Board, informed shareholders that traffic receipts had increased by more than 40 per cent. They were HK\$449,612, which was \$124,727 higher than the previous account. Number of passengers carried was 1,236,755.

Continuing, Mr. Clark said: "We are at present carrying a large number of workmen connected with building projects on the Peak and mid-levels and it is possible on the completion of those, there may be a falling off in this class of traffic." "On the other hand, it is likely that our service will continue to be patronised in a large way by tourists, who will be more comfortable at week-ends, when our transport system is speedy, economical and comfortable.

"Salaries and wages show a considerable increase of slightly more than \$40,000. This is principally accounted for by the necessity to augment the wages of our general staff to bring these in line with other local companies employing personnel of similar grades.

"The increase is also partly accounted for by a retiring allowance to the Superintendent, Engineer, Mr. Clubb, who resigned from the Company's service in October last to take up residence in Rhodesia. Mr. Clubb served the Company for 10 years and was mainly responsible for clearing the disorders caused by the Japanese occupation and for the early resumption of the Company's operations.

"A considerable amount of work has been undertaken during the year on the stations, cars and track, generally. One of the cars reconstructed after the war, from materials then available, is now being entirely rebuilt in our own workshop. It is hoped to make use of a lighter and stronger material than that formerly employed in the body of the car, thereby lessening the weight considerably and allow the carrying of additional passengers.

It gave residents for the first time, an idea of the tremendous strides made in the way of public relief and social advancement since the end of the war.

The Governor, accompanied by Lady Grantham and his ADC, Captain Wilson, arrived at 12.30 p.m. A large gathering was present to witness the opening ceremony.

Miss Scott-Moncrieff replied that the tribute paid to her, on behalf of all of you and on my own behalf, our sincere and very great appreciation of what she has done here," Sir Alexander concluded.

Miss Scott-Moncrieff disclosed that Miss Scott-Moncrieff would be leaving the Colony shortly.

"I would like to express to her, on behalf of all of you and on my own behalf, our sincere and very great appreciation of what she has done here," Sir Alexander concluded.

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Sir Alexander and Lady Grantham were the conducted round the various exhibits in all of which they showed keen interest.

The exhibits comprised photographic illustrations, handiworks, heraldic, and depicting the work of the various participating organisations.

The exhibition will continue today and tomorrow.

In addition to a programme of demonstrations on each day of the exhibition, there will be film shows at 1.30, 2.45, 5.00 and 6.30 each afternoon, depicting the films "A Start in Life" and "Hong Kong Housing 1949."

MUSICAL RECITAL

A recital by the Gramophone Group of the Sino-British Club will be held at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday at 9.15 p.m. The recital will be presented by Mr. Eric W. Pudney, Commissioner, Inland Revenue Department.

Mrs. G. B. A. Atkinson, Mrs. J. Rutter, Lieutenant-Commander R. G. Slade, and Messrs. E. Harborne and B. H. Knellwolf arrived in the Colony yesterday from Liverpool and Singapore by the Agapenor.

Mr. Horace Kadoorie and Mr. J. D. Alexander, the retiring Directors, were re-elected.

Lowrie Bingham and Matthews and Peat Marwick Mitchell and Company were re-appointed auditors.

Mr. Horace Kadoorie and Mr. J. D. Alexander (Directors), supported the Chairman, Mr. D. E. Clark.

Shareholders present were Messrs. R. Sleep, W. A. Stewart, A. Andrews, W. A. Waller, W. C. Lee and R. H. Wild.

The report and account were unanimously carried after they had been seconded by Mr. W. A. Waller.

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Fourteen inspectors and a conductor are charged with conspiracy to defraud the Tramway Company by permitting the re-sale of old and used tickets.

Instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vines, Mr. John Muirhead conducted the case for the prosecution, and Mr. A. da Silva is defending it, or the inspectors and Mr. E. G. Wong, the other three.

The case was adjourned till today.

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NO PAYMENT RECEIVED FOR UNDERWEAR

Evidence that no payment was received for the woolen underwear goods that were sold to Messrs. L. G. Uttam, was given by Tsang Man-tung, a broker on behalf of the plaintiffs, at the \$12,000 suit before Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, yesterday.

The plaintiffs, the Man Kuen Underwear Knitting Company, of 16 Queen Victoria Street, first floor, are suing L. G. Uttam, of 506 Chung Tin Building, in respect of goods sold and delivered.

The plaintiffs are represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford on the instruction of C. A. Sutherland Russ and Stewart. Mr. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, is defending Messrs. L. G. Uttam.

Plaintiffs claim that the sum in question is the balance for goods sold to the defendant on April 26, 1948, under written contract. It is their case that the defendant had forged out a bill himself purporting to show that he had paid for all the goods in question.

The defendant admits the delivery of the goods, but claims that they had paid for everything.

Each side, in short, contends that the other is trying to swindle him.

The first witness yesterday morning, Tam Kuen, one of the partners in the plaintiff's firm, gave evidence, after whom Tsang Man-tung, broker, and canvasser for the latter firm took the stand.

An Order Made

He testified that on March 29, 1948, he introduced Tam Kuen to K.C. Khemlani, the Hong Kong manager of the L.G. Uttam, as a result of which an order for cotton underwear was made by plaintiffs. It was agreed that no should get two per cent out of this transaction, Tsang stated.

On March 30, he further stated, a deposit of \$1,000 was paid by Khemlani in his presence to Tam Kuen. The receipt was signed by K.C. Khemlani, the Hong Kong manager of the L.G. Uttam, as a result of which an order for cotton underwear was made by plaintiffs. It was agreed that no should get two per cent out of this transaction, Tsang stated.

The next day, witness said, he then went to the station, accompanied by a clerk from the solicitor's firm, Khemlani turned up with the so-called receipt. It is alleged.

Witness was then cross-examined by Mr. Bernacchi, after which hearing was adjourned to this morning.

No Reaction To Red Draft Quota

There was no reaction in the money market to the official announcement that the Com- munist authorities at Peiping had authorized the Central Bank to handle drafts up to HK\$10,000 monthly.

A further announcement issued by the Hong Kong Government spokesman yesterday, as a correction to the first announcement, omitted any mention of a HK\$10,000 monthly limit.

Chinese banks said the official announcement was the first information they had in the matter. They had had no direct information from North China sources of the availability of such facilities.

Peiping is not a commercial centre like, for instance, Shanghai, and unless there were trading facilities, remittance restrictions count for little, observers said.

LEPER SENT TO HOSPITAL

Described by the prosecution as a leper in an advanced stage, Wong Jick-yin, aged 22, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of electric wires and was cautioned by Mr. F. X. Almada at Central yesterday.

Defendant was also ordered to be sent to the Tung Wah Hospital.

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Farewell To Miss Atkins



Mrs. Li Shu-pui, Chairman of the St. Stephen's Girls College Old Girls Association, made a presentation to Miss E. Atkins, Headmistress of the College since 1927, at a party at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday. Miss Atkins will retire in June. — "China Mail" Photo.

THREE TESTIFY AGAINST CHAVES

Further evidence was given in the case in which C. H. Chaves, aged 60, is charged on three counts of obtaining money by false pretences from two Chinese tailors, before Mr. J. Wicks at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths is representing defendant, while Detective Sub-Inspector T. Kavanagh is conducting the case for the prosecution.

Farewell Party For Miss Atkins

A farewell party for Miss E. Atkins, Principal of St. Stephen's Girls' College, was given at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday by members of the College's Old Girls' Association.

The Association presented Miss Atkins with a Mandarin robe, a jade ring and a set of Swatow lace-work. Miss Atkins will leave on retirement for England in June. She has been engaged in educational work here for some 30 years and has been headmistress of St. Stephen's Girls' College since 1927.

In a brief speech, Mrs. S. P. Li, Chairman of the St. Stephen's College Old Girls' Association, said the occasion was a memorable one. She added that Miss Atkins will retire soon for a well-earned rest. She had been a good friend, a good teacher and a guardian to all.

Rita de Cassia P. Xavier, said that she was in charge of the Hong Kong, Peninsular and Repulse Bay Hotels uniforms for the staff. She had never met defendant before, and had not asked him to make a contract with the Met Sun Tailor Shop, or Kwan Kam-cheung of Nathan Road.

Witness further said there had never been more than 100 summer uniforms as replacements for the three hotels. No uniforms were made, unless orders were received from the management of each hotel. She said that she dealt with Chinese tailors directly, not through brokers. The price of each suit was \$30.

Kwan Kwan-cheung, manager of the American Tailor Shop, of No. 466 Nathan Road, testified that on the morning of March 30, defendant came to his shop, and wished to have some uniforms made for the Repulse Bay Hotel.

Defendant asked for \$150 which he said he would need to entertain the managers of the three hotels. Should the business materialize, the money would be deducted from the commission.

Defendant then gave him a receipt. After a few days, defendant told him that he had spent \$350 for entertaining the managers, and he wanted \$200 more. Defendant signed another receipt. The money had not been returned to him, and no clothing contract had ever been received, concluded witness.

When questioned by the defence counsel, Kwan denied that if the business had materialized, he would have given defendant \$350 as commission.

After further cross-examination of the case was adjourned to May 12.

Mr. F. McMillan left Hong Kong for Alexandria yesterday by ROAC.

MILLER ELECTED ESHK PRESIDENT

Mr. W. L. E. Miller was unanimously elected President of the Engineering Society of Hong Kong at the annual general meeting of the Society held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, yesterday.

Mr. A. W. Black and Mr. F. C. Clemo were elected Vice-Presidents; Mr. M. R. Snell, honorary secretary; and Mr. R. V. Lederhoffer, honorary treasurer.

Yesterday's meeting was presided over by the outgoing President, Mr. S. E. Faber, who reported to fellow members on the activities of the Society during the year.

The membership of the Society had increased by 14 to 15 per cent since the first session, and was now standing at 101, (including 100 members, 69 associate members, two lady members). They include one student member and five apprentices. The Chinese membership had increased from 30 to 41 which the Council considered a happy sign.

Six papers were read during the session, and visits were made to various engineering works.

A film on Pluto, the petrol pipe-line across the English Channel, was shown at an extra meeting.

Annual Dinner

Mr. Faber announced that the second annual dinner would be held on May 6, and urged as many members as possible to attend, as it would be not only an opportunity to get together, but also a social event commensurate with the importance of the Society.

The Society has proven to be of real value to the members of the engineering profession in Hong Kong, said Mr. Faber who appealed to members for their continued support.

The annual report and the treasurer's financial statement were both unanimously adopted after some discussion among members.

On the proposal of Mr. Hugh Braga, a vote of thanks was given to the outgoing President, Mr. S. E. Faber.

The following members were elected to serve on the incoming Council:—

Messrs. W. A. Ankerson, H. Braga, F. J. Croshio, R. P. Dunlop, J. Finnie, N. Garland, A. Nicol, P. V. Revelli, W. G. Long, A. W. Wood, Warner S. Yeh, and Dr. S. Y. King.

Reward For Killer

A reward of \$5,000 has been offered by the Commissioner of Police for information leading to the arrest of a gang of men who killed constable Tsang Hing-lun on Tuesday.

I wonder if it would be asking too much of the Tramway Company to issue instructions to its employees that all passengers should be treated with courtesy and consideration. After all, it is the passengers who keep the company going and the drivers and conductors in employment.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and no means necessarily agrees with them.

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The opportunity might also be taken to point out certain other shortcomings which should be remedied without any delay.

(1) Drivers are in the habit of starting their trams while passengers are still alighting or boarding. It would seem that drivers place more importance on keeping their time schedule than the safety of passengers.

(2) Conductors in the third class compartment seem to take an unkind delight in giving the sign to start prematurely so as to cause passengers to lose their balance and fall. This is particularly so, in the case of women passengers, who are abused in the most profane and insulting language when they venture to offer any protest.

(3) No action whatsoever is taken by officials of the company to enforce bye-laws of the company where there is a deliberate breach of such bye-laws.

(4) Drivers and conductors are in the habit of occupying seats while paying passengers, particularly womenfolk, are forced to stand. Many of these drivers and conductors, when off duty, are in the habit of taking the family along for joy-rides and when doing so, cause annoyance to paying passengers by stretching their bare feet on seats and allowing their children, with sticky toffee-sticks in their hands, to sprawl across seats.

(5) Inspectors very seldom carry out any check of tickets during busy hours. They somehow make it a practice to board trams and check tickets late at night, when only three or four passengers are travelling, or when a tram is nearing the end of its journey and nearly all passengers have alighted.

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Floor, Hongkong, on Thursday,
5th May, 1949 at 11 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors to-
gether with Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended
31st December, 1948, to sanction
the declaration of a
Dividend and to re-elect
Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Thursday, 21st April to Thurs-
day 5th May, both days in-
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By Order of the Board of
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A. A. BRENNER,
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Hong Kong, April 12, 1949.

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venue Ordinance 1947 for the
half year ended March 31,
1949. Pro rata dividends will
be paid in respect of 1949-
Issue shares.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books and Register of
Shareholders will be closed from
May 23, 1949, to June 4, 1949,
both days inclusive.

Dividend Warrants will be
available for collection on and
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By Order of the Board of
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P. W. WOOD,
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Dated the 25th day of April,
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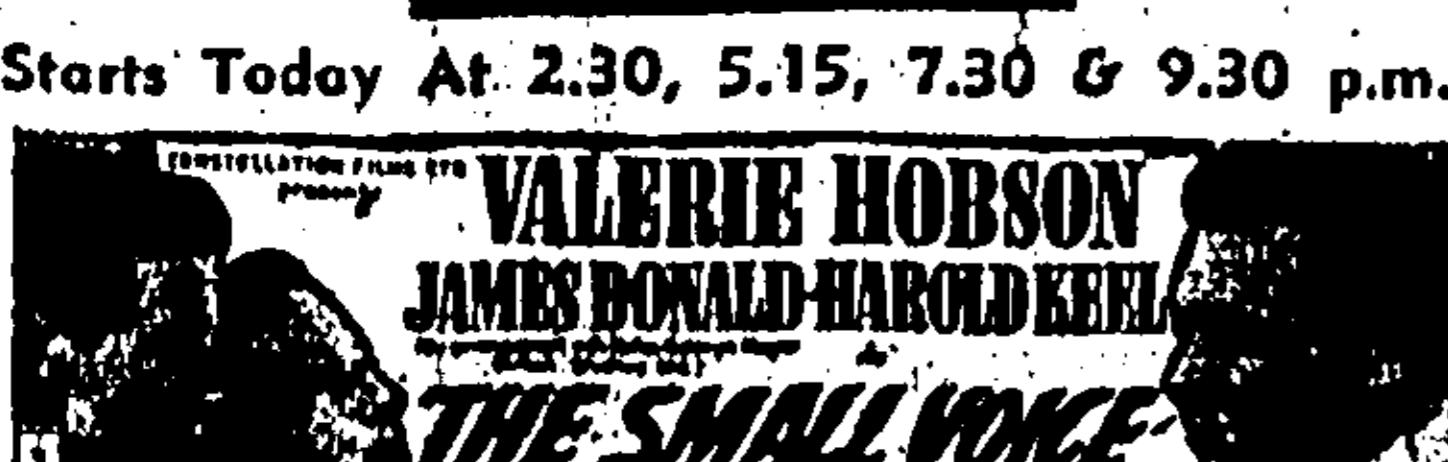
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ELECTRIC HOUSEMAID INTRIGUES BRITONS

London, May 3.

An electric housemaid, which can peel potatoes, scour pots, clean shoes, polish buttons, mince meat, grind coffee, whisk eggs and stir puddings is among the labour-saving gadgets currently intriguing housewives at the British Industries Fair in London.

It has an enamelled cabinet, with an electric driving head, to which the housewife can fit a gadget for almost every chore. The idea was born in a munitions factory during the war when its two inventors saw women using power-driven portable tools:

They decided that, after the war, women would not be content to return to the traditional manual methods of housekeeping. Now the inventors are experimenting in the hope that the electric housemaid will be able to do two additional chores—wash clothes and dishes.

Another device which appeals to the housewife is a pair of kitchen scissors enabling her not only to cut, slice and chop, but to beat bottles, prise up lids, hammer tacks and turn screws.

Garden-proud housewives can buy a new hormone treatment which kills weeds and allows grass to grow undisturbed. A tweezers-type weeder makes it easy to extract docks, daisies, dandelions, and other weeds from the lawn.

Dream Kitchens

An electric steam cooker has been designed to provide not only the normal cooking service, but to supply steam for cooking, boiling water on tap and hot water for domestic purposes. It works in conjunction with, or independent of, a solid fuel boiler, thus utilising heat that might otherwise be lost.

At no time has the housewife's demand for a well-planned kitchen with ample cupboard space been more insistent than at present. The examples shown at the Fair bring reality to such "dream kitchens."

There is an expanding kitchen, which the housewife can build up from units to almost any size or shape required to fit her home. Each unit is of standard depth and height and, when fitted against the other units, a continuous work top is provided with a streamlined finish.

Thinking Clock

Anti-dust features and sweep-in-fronts, to give more knee room, are incorporated, with innovations to ease work. Devices include an anti-splash fitting on the sink, a crumb strainer over the water pipe, and mixing valves on taps to give water of any desired temperature.

A washing machine, operated by electricity, washes white clothing in four minutes and woolens in one. A press-button device enables the car-driver to wash the whole windscreen while the car is in motion.

Another novelty is the "thinking clock," which switches on an electric blanket before the user retires and automatically switches it off when the bed is warmed. This time-piece with a brain also turns out a reading lamp as sleep drifts near, and switches on the radio for a predetermined programme.—Reuter.

Amman, May 3.
King Abdulla of Transjordan today accepted the resignation of his Cabinet. He asked the Ministers to continue in office pending the formation of a new Government.—Reuter.

CHASED RUSSIAN COLONEL

Vienna, May 3.
The United States Army Press Relations Office announced here today that Pfc. Edward J. Touhey has been temporarily detained for chasing a Russian colonel around the Imperial Hotel lobby here with an armchair.

The announcement added that Touhey, whose home address is given as Hogard Beach, Long Island, New York, first beat up a Russian sentry at the entrance to the Hotel.

He is now in the 110th Station Hospital here, under observation. He is accused by the Russians of two "unprovoked assaults."

Unofficial American sources say that Touhey, who is six feet four, seized a chair in the hotel lobby and scattered seven Russian officers, including two colonels, when they objected to his wishing to photograph them.

These sources said that an international patrol aided by 12 American military policemen and several American Army doctors finally subdued Touhey and took him to hospital.

He had been released from the hospital only a few hours earlier, they added.—Reuter.

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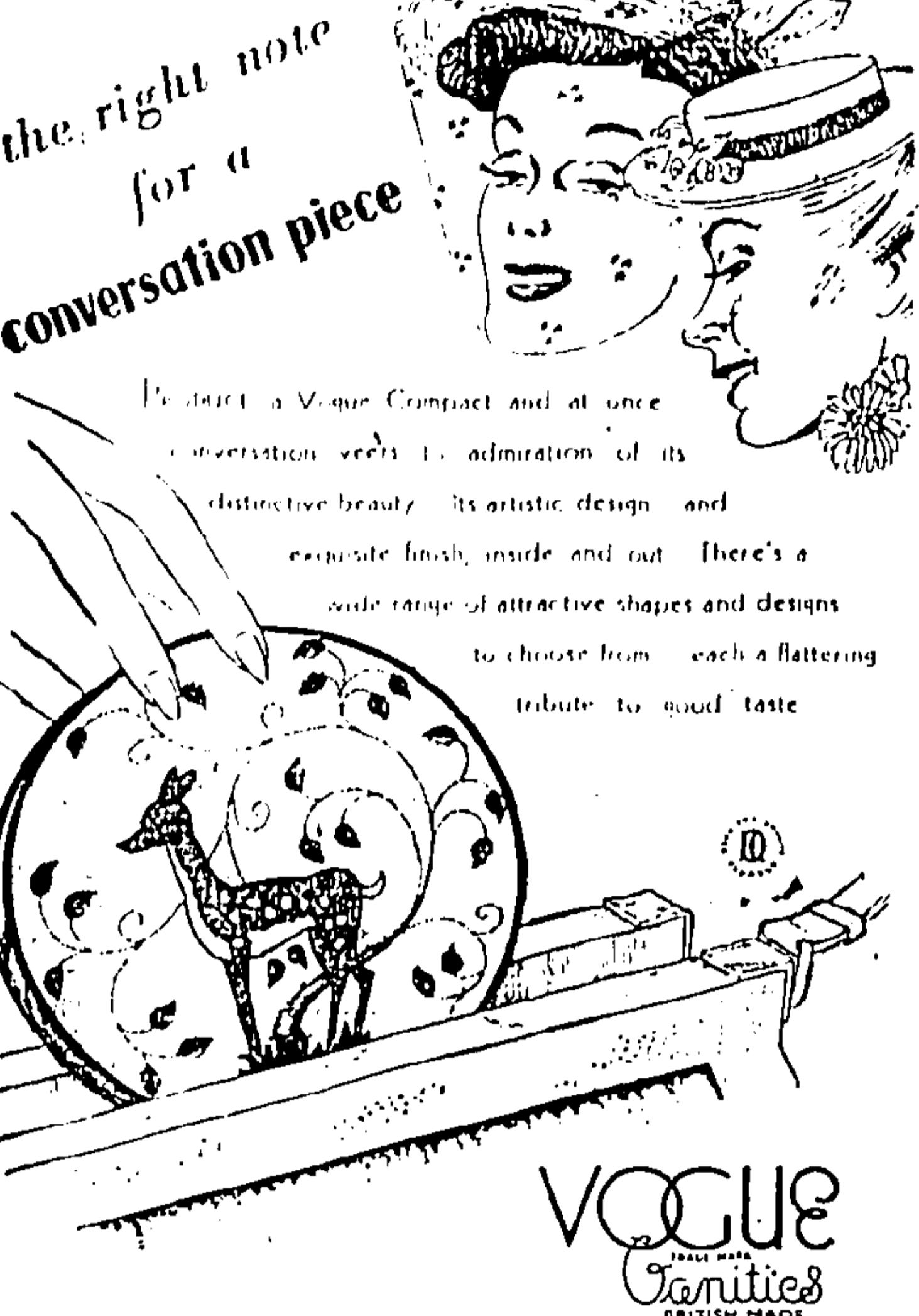
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In his production of "A Song Is Born," starring Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo for RKO release, and featuring a whole parade of top music masters headed by such Jazz Greats as Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman, Producer Samuel Goldwyn has attempted to sketch something of the music, with interpolations to illustrate swing, Chicago and New Orleans Jazz, Jive, boop-boogie-woogie and other assorted tonal delights.

The first music of the story, in which Danny Kaye adventure runs riot in Technicolor, practically begins with the street marching bands of New Orleans that started jazz. They kept on marching right off the streets on to the Mississippi

River boats—truly wandering minstrels. Some of them got off at Kansas City, some at Chicago. Their ideas began to change—perhaps develop, is a better word, and, in order to identify the music, they called it Kansas City Jazz and Chicago Jazz.

As the musicians moved Eastward and Westward, and met other musicians, influenced by other music, the music changed still more, and, today their ideas are still changing and still progressing, and we still call it jazz.

The New Orleans jazz has probably been the greatest influence on the modern jazz musician, and Samuel Goldwyn has gathered the leading proponents of this music for his "A Song Is Born." In particular, these men are Louis Armstrong, Lionel Hampton, Benny Carter, Zutty Singleton and Barney Bigard.

These were the men responsible because of their experimentation, for the big band of today. Their music with its improvisational kick comes to the screen in "A Song Is Born." Great jazz in the form of Muskrat Ramble, Flyin' Home, Stealing Apples, will—make every music lover wonder why this hasn't happened before on the screen. And when Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and Charlie Barnet join them, the

cycle becomes complete, and the story has its ending on a firm, modern downbeat.

Versatile Danny Kaye again dominates Samuel Goldwyn's newest Technicolor musical, "A Song Is Born," which opens today at the King's Theatre. Danny shares stellar honors once again with gorgeous Virginia Mayo.

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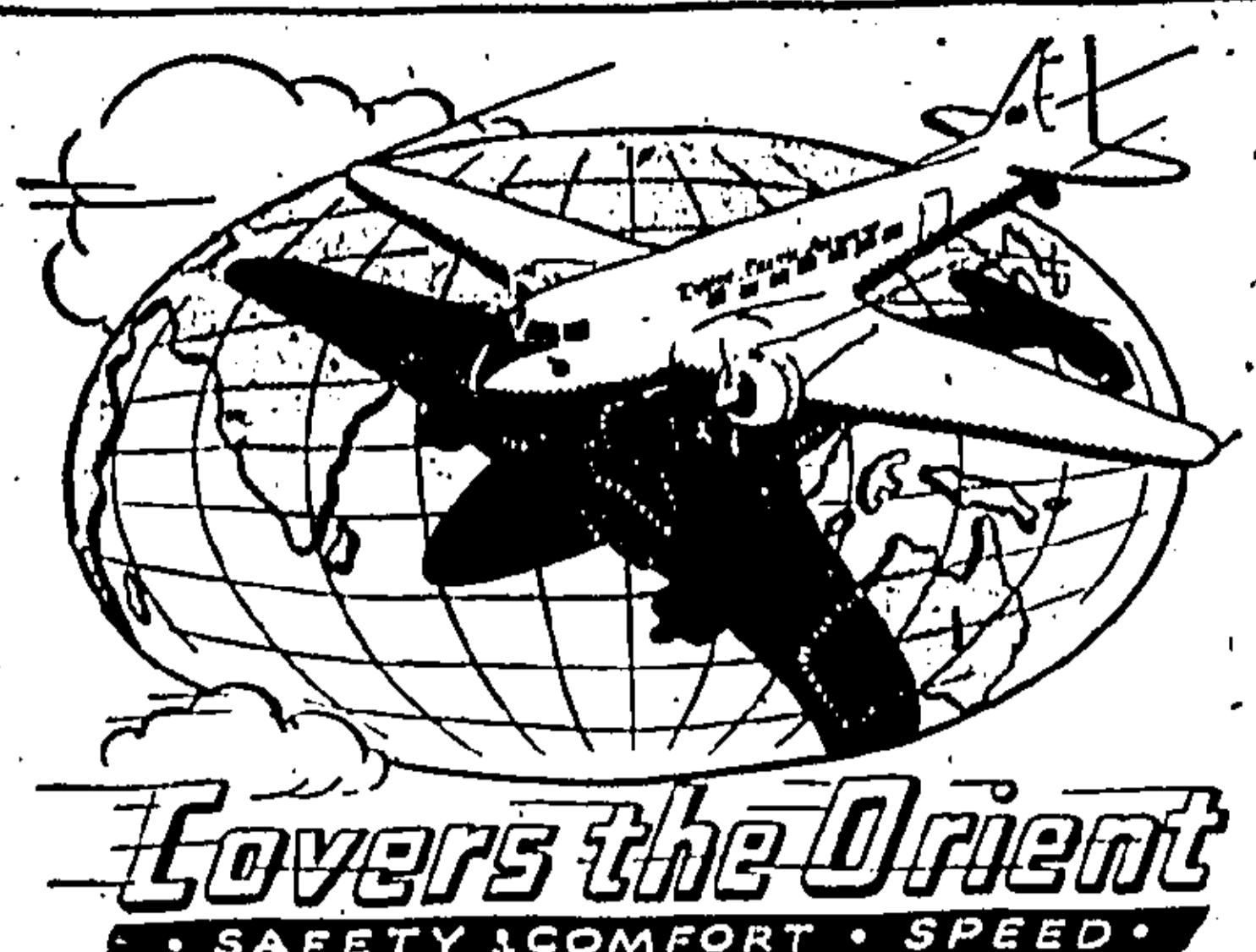
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My Hunt For Noah's Ark

By EGERTON SYKES

Architect Of Peace Or Disaster

By C. F. STANLEY

This summer three quite separate expeditions are planning to set out in search of traces of the original Ark of Noah.

One intends to come from Greensboro, North Carolina. Another has its headquarters in Holland. My own will, I anticipate, leave London for Mount Ararat in the middle of June.

As far as my own expedition is concerned, I have long felt that the deluge story in the Bible, which has been somewhat contemptuously neglected by the academic world, represented an eyewitness account of one of the greatest catastrophes that has ever befallen the human race.

His critics have pointed to Bevin as the most abject failure even in a long line of weak and vacillating Foreign Secretaries. Even his supporters have been hard put to it at times to answer criticism of his unpredictable departures from the Socialist line.

What few have recognised, however, is that these years of admitted difficulty have shown Bevin in no different light from all his long years in trade union management. Bevin has never been a diplomat, in the accepted sense. He has always been a fighter for those things in which he believes. And never once during the past few years has he altered his policy at the call of expediency.

How many men who have risen to the heights from the humblest beginnings could claim, as Bevin can, that they have never altered in any respect? Bevin, son of a farm labourer, was born to be a working man... blunt, sincere, passionate in his belief in the rights of the small man and of the small man's nation.

Such a man can never really be popular with any but his own class. His very bluntness has offended, for it has been curried almost to the point of rudeness. His untidiness of dress, of speech, and almost of mind have always been offensive to the lovers of neatness and order. His dictatorial manner, his boisterous good humour when he is pleased, and his almost savage attack when displeased, have made him a man to be feared even by his friends.

No great stroke of fortune unless it be the good fortune of earning the undying affection of millions of dockers and general workers in his fight for their betterment, has ever helped him on his way. Only his undoubted integrity, his dogged perseverance, his insistence that however high he might rise in the councils of the State he was still Worker Ernest Bevin, really drove him to the front.

It would be rash to predict a change in U.S. policy, but there have already been strong indications that powerful elements in Washington are regretting not the expenditure of past millions, but that aid was not more strongly followed up. The fact that vast sums were poured down the drain of Nationalist inefficiency and corruption has tended to blind many an American eye to the implications of a complete Red domination of China.

If this happened, said General Chennault, it might take 200 years to liberate the country. This, of course, is a meaningless statement. He goes on to say, however, that the Chinese Communists' success might set off a "chain reaction" of Marxism throughout the Orient. Indo-China, Siam, then Malaya and Burma might fall. These events would bring grave pressure upon India and encourage the Soviets to resume their drive in the Middle East.

He envisaged a Red Japan and a Red Philippines if the Communists were not halted in China, and asked what did anyone expect would happen to Pearl Harbour, Guam, Australia and New Zealand in such a contingency? It is difficult to argue with these conclusions, and their implications must be appreciated by many ordinary American citizens, including those who saw action in the Pacific during the war. The only question has been in recent months—is there any use sending good money after bad, and is there the slightest hope of stopping the Communists? The answer seemed No in both cases.

Now General Chennault claims that US\$350,000,000 in military and economic aid sent at once, could enable the Nationalists to halt the hordes from the North. He does not expect much more in the near future, but points out that some 150,000,000 Chinese are still outside the iron curtain—substantially what was Free China during the war against the Japanese. This, he said, is an adequate base for eventual liberation of the entire country, and this could be effected from the huge stockpiles of arms still held in Pacific bases.

Not everyone will agree with the General, whose good judgment may tend to be coloured by his violent hatred of the Communists and his strong ties with the

History's View

History, looking back on these years of Ernest Bevin diplomacy, which have culminated in the Atlantic Treaty, will almost certainly rank him as one of the greatest Foreign Secretaries ever to represent Britain.

It is easy to claim that the boast made on his appointment—that he was the most likely man to gain Russia's friendship—has since proved empty. No one could have gained Russia's friendship in these past years who was not prepared to come within the Russian sphere of influence. But the claim of some critics that he also failed in his contacts with America cannot bear the light of examination.

Ernest Bevin succeeded in aligning United States policy on the side of Europe in persuading that great country to pour its aid into Europe, to back its defence. That surely was no mean achievement in face of a considerably re-born of isolationist feeling.

In three years Bevin has helped bring Britain back to the leadership of Europe. That was no mean feat with the ever growing menace of Communist expansion. He rallied the workers of the country to the support of Anglo-American co-operation when all their instincts and sympathies called for peace and friendship with Russia at any price.

By his very obstinacy over Palestine, which at one time threatened to wreck the whole issue, he did much to keep the struggle between Arab and Jew within limits. He was a position that was more delicate than any yet handled by a British Foreign Secretary. He had to speak with two distinct voices of a long past.

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Nationalists. Nevertheless, his words have crystallised the opinions of a number of knowledgeable people who are not at all sure that the Red armies will sweep into Kwangtung and Kwangsi quite so easily as they marched into Nanking. The former air force commander is right, however, when he says: American aid is necessary to turn the tide, and though he will have some support in Washington, it is highly problematical whether even now Congress will vote another large sum to the Nationalists. Unless there is some guarantee that it will be used more effectively than grants have been in the past

It is his doggedness, his refusal to accept the question of defeat, and his supreme self-confidence that have carried him through.

The world may see him as the rough, uncultured working man, completely out of place in his job. That is how he was always to be seen. The story is told that when Epstein made a visit of his to the British Legation, it was told him that when he was there he was to be seen with him. "Boylan replied, "Next time try to see me as I see myself."

That is how history will remember him—the determined, honest, straightforward man who loved not his country more than the millions who made it up.

Musical Chairs In The Kremlin

By GORDON YOUNG

It begins to look now as though the pattern of the great Stalin reshuffle has become clear.

The key to it all, as to most other Soviet actions, is given by Stalin himself in the very first pages of the book I have written about before—"Problems of Leninism" (the Russian "Meln Kompart").

Analyzing the grand strategy of revolutions, Stalin explains that all revolutionary movements have their periods of advanced and retreat, of "Ebb" and "Flow."

The periods of "Ebb" are the times when the leaders have to face temporary set-backs—concentrate on planning and reorganising for the time of "Flow."

Many competent observers in this Scandinavian outpost believe that this is just what Russia is doing now.

After her flowing period of war and immediate post-war successes Russia has come to a momentary halt. She is faced internally with serious production problems, externally she has encountered a whole series of temporary political setbacks—rapid progress of the Atlantic Pact and Marshall Aid, serious trouble with Tito and in Greece.

The expedition may consist of myself and one other, but if I manage to obtain sufficient support I shall take with me a photographer and a film operator, no that a permanent and detailed record can be made.

We intend to leave London for Marseilles and to travel by ship to Istanbul, thence by coastal steamer to Trebizond, the Easternmost Turkish port on the Black Sea. From there to Mount Ararat there is good road communication and the journey can comfortably be done in about three days.

Ararat itself is situated close to the junction of the Turkish, Iranian, and Soviet frontiers, and in order to avoid the possibility of difficulties with the Soviet authorities, I have decided to restrict my activities to the South-Western flank, which faces Turkish territory and where, in any case, I believe the remnants of the Ark are located.

I am afraid, however, that the various forecasts suggesting that I may find a large ship about half the size of the Queen Elizabeth, complete with hundreds of rooms and special cages for different sized animals, are not likely to materialise into fact. What I anticipate finding are keel members, together with one or two of the side frames of a large wooden ship.

I have no intention of disturbing the Ark, as I feel such an disturbance, huge tidal waves, traces of which are to be found in the lunar tide of today—and also drew away the ocean waters from the Northern and Southern regions of the earth towards the Equatorial belt, with the result that the water line in Norway is 700ft. lower than it was then, while the mouth of the Congo

is going on against inefficiency on the Russian railways and in the Ministry of Health—so, it looks as though two more Red Ministers may be disappearing soon.

Coinciding with these administrative moves, aimed at putting Russia's house in order have come the five big political appointments that set the whole world speculating.

The more closely you study them the more likely does it seem that Stalin is building up inside the Kremlin a Brain Trust capable of planning in every detail the most dangerous moves for Russia to make when her period of "Flow,"

comes again. The five experts already named cover Russia's main foreign concerns: Molotov (Foreign Affairs), Bulganin (War), Mikoyan (Commerce), Voroszhov (Economics)—with Sokolovsky now on board for expert advice on Germany.

Presumably, this new Brain Trust will try to co-ordinate all Soviet ends and efforts in countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Certainly the fact that this "Cold War Cabinet" has been formed is an indication that some dramatic new action—probably diplomatic—will be coming from Russia soon.

The more I look at the new Brain Trust the more I am impressed by the fact that it is a very able and capable group of men.

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GENERAL CHENNAULT'S PLEA FOR CHINA AID

Communist Victory Will Mean Loss Of All Asia

PLAN FOR "BEACHHEAD"

Washington, May 4. General Claire Chennault said yesterday that the security of the United States is at stake in China. He pleaded for positive action to aid anti-Communist forces there.

The wartime leader of the famed "Flying Tigers" told the U.S. Armed Services Committee that the best part of China has been lost to the Communists "by our passivity." "If we do not act soon, all China will be lost," he added.

The retired Air Force officer, now head of a commercial airline in China, urged at least a minimum programme of aid so the anti-Communists can hold a "beachhead for the resurgence of Chinese Nationalism."

Specifically, he said there are vast stockpiles of arms in the Philippines and other Pacific areas that could be used.

Gravely, he warned that Russia is standing on the brink of unlimited success in the Far East. And if China is swallowed up by the Communists, Chennault said, Indo-China, Malaya, Burma, and Indonesia will also fall to the Communists.

In turn he said Communist occupation of South East Asia will bring grave pressure upon India and encourage the Soviets to resume their interrupted drive into the critical region of the Middle East.

So J. General Chennault: "It is of infinite nonsense to suppose that with all of Asia in Communist hands, Japan and the Philippines will remain peacefully on our side."

Criminal Waste"

He said: "The ultimate result will be that "the powerful industrial potential of a Communist Japan will be added to the vast raw material resources and the immense manpower of a Communist Asia."

"In another form this is exactly what we fought the last bloody, cruel costly war in the Pacific to prevent. This will be the sacrifice, the criminal waste of all our tremendous efforts."

Even as he testified, the Communists in China were sweeping on to new victories and closing in on the great port city of Shanghai.

But, General Chennault said, the United States still has time to decide on and execute a policy of positive action which may yet avert the ultimate catastrophe.

General Chennault's report to the Armed Services Committee was his second of the day to a Congressional group. He appeared earlier at a closed door meeting of the Joint Senate House "Watchdog" Committee on foreign spending.

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Senator McCarran, head of the "Watchdog" group and ad-

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New Move For Aid To China

Washington, May 3. Moves to force some provision for military aid to Nationalist China into the European arms assistance programme were forecast today.

Republican Senator William Knowland is to attempt to pin an amendment to that effect on to the arms bill when it goes before Congress.

The military assistance programme will be considered after the Senate ratifies the Atlantic Pact.

Senator Knowland will ask that Lieutenant-General Albert Wedemeyer be called to testify before the Senate Armed Services Committee as Major-General Claire Chennault did today.

Democratic Senator Pat McCarran is elated with General Chennault's testimony before the "watchdog" Committee of which Mr. McCarran is chairman.

He hopes that public sentiment will compel Congress to pass his bill to aid China.

Meanwhile, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman, Senator Tom Connally, said his Committee is too busy with Atlantic Pact hearings to act on the recent demand by Senator Knowland for a full-dress investigation of the United States' policy on China.—United Press.

CRUISER LEAVES FOR FAR EAST

Portsmouth, May 3. The British cruiser Mauritius left today for the Far East.

The 8,000-ton cruiser, which mounts nine six-inch guns, will put into Portland and Plymouth, leaving the latter port for her Far Eastern destination this week-end.—United Press.

BOOSTING TOUR

London, May 3. Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, will leave London by air on Tuesday for a three weeks' coast-to-coast export boosting tour of Canada.

The details of his journey, announced tonight, show that Mr. Wilson will stop in Halifax (Nova Scotia), St. John's (New Brunswick), Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Vancouver. On his return from the West Coast, he will touch Quebec and again Montreal and Toronto, returning to London on June 1.—Reuter.

sistance to the Communist advance.

He listed nine provinces in this area which, he said, are worthy of United States military and economic support.

They are: Ninghsia, Kansu, Tsinghai, Szechwan, Yunan, Kweichow, Kwangsi, Hunan and Kwangtung.

Not Taiwan

General Chennault said he had visited most of the leaders of the nine provinces within the past 30 days.

He added that most of them either produce or can produce goods which could be used to repay much of the economic and military aid.

General Chennault observed that he had "deliberately" failed to mention Taiwan as one of the areas where resistance to Communism could be organized.

If Asia is to be saved, he explained, it must be saved from the mainland.

"Once the mainland has fallen to the Communists, Taiwan would be untenable."—Associated Press.

RANDALL GOULD'S OUTBURST

Shanghai, May 4. Randall Gould, Editor of the American-owned "Shanghai Evening Post," said today that with the greatest regret he finds it impossible to withdraw some rather critical remarks he had published regarding the abrupt and complete withdrawal of United States naval units from the Whampoa River.

In a signed editorial today addressed to Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger, Commander of the United States West Pacific Fleet, Gould said in part: "Maybe if you had left just one ship behind on a seemingly weakless gamble in order to keep up the morale of this community and let the American flag fly over Shanghai harbour, I would later have hustled you for it. No man can put his career in jeopardy."

"I understand that. But I wish you had left that ship and cried 'bust me and be damned'."

"When the United States Navy went out intact and in a hurry that day I wanted to walk into the Post's pressroom and tear the press apart with my bare hands because it was giving you a kind and sympathetic word."

"That's how mad I was. And there were others, Admiral."

—Reuter.

Mr. Attlee To Make Statement On HK

London, May 3. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is expected to refer to the situation in Hong Kong when he makes a statement on China in the House of Commons on Thursday.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, asked Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative, to await the Prime Minister's statement when asked what is being done to safeguard Hong Kong against external aggression and possible fifth column sabotage.

Mr. Gammans then asked if the statement will include the steps that the Government proposes to take to safeguard Hong Kong against the danger which is imminently threatening it.

Mr. Morrison replied: "I have no doubt that, in the preparation of the statement, account will be taken of your question."—Reuter.

Time Running Out In South East Asia

Melbourne, May 3. The time to stabilise South East Asia is running out and the United States will have to underwrite such a programme, states a special correspondent, A. D. Brooks, writing in the "Melbourne Herald."

"Cornerstone of such a policy would have to be co-operation with moderate and locally respected nationalist leaders, such as Sjahrir of Indonesia."

Stability in South East Asia is becoming a very urgent problem for a new factor has entered into the calculations—the great successes of the Communists in China. In a matter of two years Australia's security can be radically affected," Brooks writes.

"Without the co-operation of the moderates, it means holding a territory at the points of many bayonets, which is undemocratic, uneconomic and eventually plays into the hands of Communists, extremists and bandits."

"Of all the countries of South East Asia, in terms of population, resources and location, Indonesia is the most important. If settled conditions cannot be brought about in Indonesia, there is little hope in Indo-China and Burma, and the whole of South East Asia will be ripe for a Communist harvest. The sands are running out."

"The problem could be tackled most effectively if a unity of approach could be achieved between the United States, Britain, France, the Netherlands, Australia and India."

No Parallel

"Previous United States and British policy apparently was that differences with the Dutch and India, too, has participated in bidding for the leadership of Asia."

"The truth is that neither Britain, nor France, nor the Netherlands are really independent. They depend on the United States."

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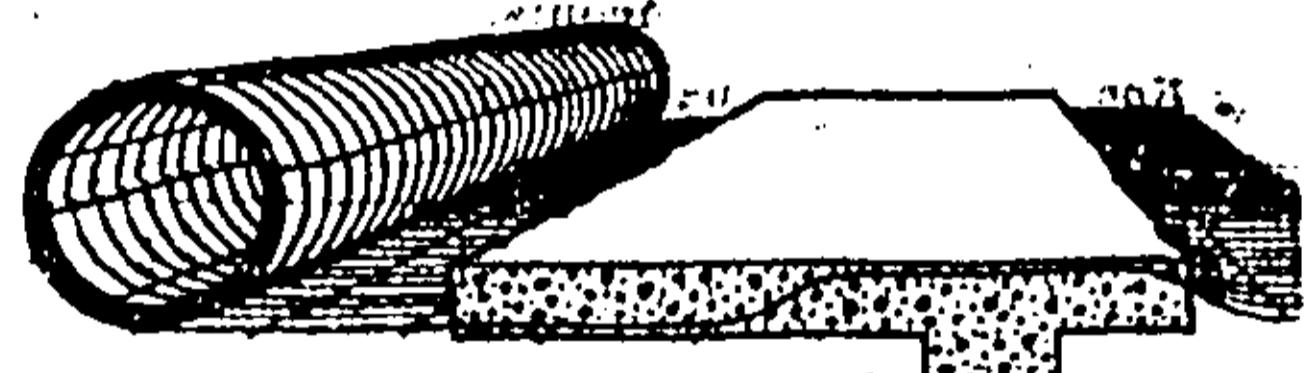
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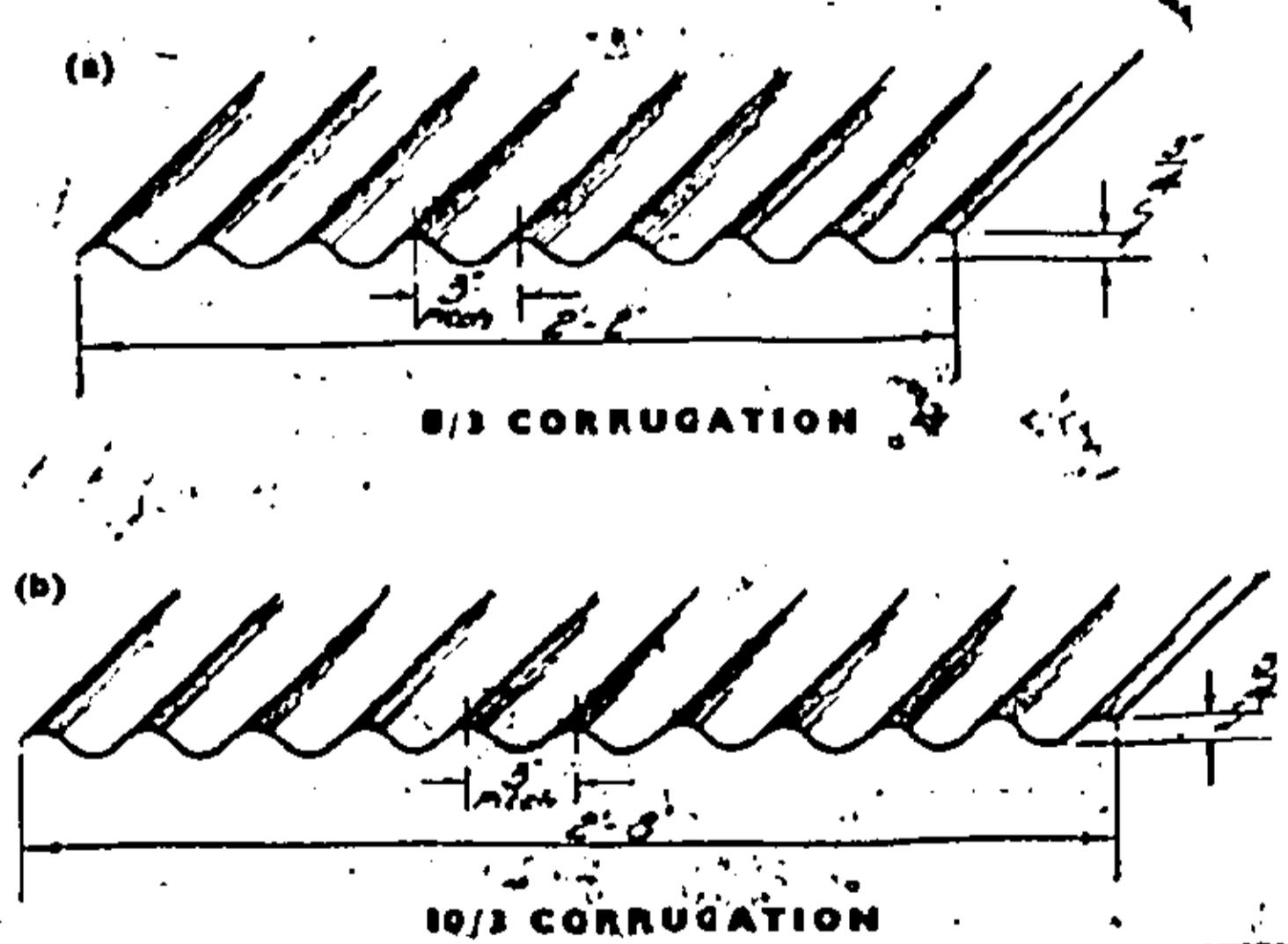
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Proteins, an essential component of living matter, though built up from the atoms of at most seven elements, finally form a complex defying complete analysis by ordinary chemical or physical methods.

The leader of this new British attack on the problem is Sir Lawrence Bragg, who several years ago, with his father, the late Sir William Bragg, won a Nobel Prize, for developing X-ray methods to determine the arrangement of atoms in a simple molecule. This so-called "diffraction" technique first proved most useful in determining the structure of diamonds, metal alloys, and other inorganic substances.

More recently, the method was applied to organic substances. When the Cambridge University workers have ascertained the structure of these substances, we shall know much more about milk, eggs, blood, pens, hair, bean, finger-nails, seeds—which all contain protein. We shall also be a few steps nearer to knowing what life is—for protein is an indispensable part of life.

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According to expert opinion, this performance gives assurance that Britain has the resolve and the technical skill to reduce the advantage of the 600 m.p.h. bombers which are about to go into service with many air forces, including Britain's Royal Air Force.

Another British aeronautical event, achieved since the start of the year, is the successful first flight of the Armstrong Siddeley gas turbine "Phylon" engines. Flights were made with them fitted in a Lancaster bomber which is being used as a "flying test bed". The two engines, each of which develops nearly 4,000 shaft h.p., were fitted in the outer port and starboard nacelles, while two of the normal Rolls-Royce "Merlin" engines were retained in the inner nacelles.



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In London these Inquiry Bureaux are at the Addison Road entrance to Olympia, and the Warwick Road entrance to Earls Court; at Castle Bromwich there will be an Inquiry Bureau in the centre of the Fair buildings.

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U.S. DEFENCE LINE IN EUROPE, JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES STRATEGY IN THE EVENT OF WAR

Washington, May 4.
General Omar Bradley, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, told U.S. Senators yesterday that America's defence frontiers lie in the heart of Europe.

General Bradley was speaking before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to urge approval of the 12-nation North Atlantic Security Alliance.

In response to a question later, General Bradley described Japan and the Philippines as the United States' defence line in the Pacific area.

General Bradley said: "Geographically many of these European member nations are already in a position where any aggression into West Europe would be a conquest of their homelands."

"I assure you that our frontiers of collective defence lie in common with theirs in the heart of Europe."

General Bradley said that the Joint Chiefs of Staff are in unanimous agreement that in case of attack America's strategy will be to carry the war back to the aggressor, ultimately subjugating the sources of his military and industrial power.

He said: "Plans for common defence existing in the free world must provide for security in West Europe without the abandonment of their country to the terrors of another enemy occupation. Only upon that premise can the nations closest to the frontiers be expected to stake their fortunes with ours in common defence."

A Bridgehead

By implication these remarks supported the Administration's plan to implement the Atlantic Pact with a programme to help the other members to arm themselves.

Along the same line General Bradley stressed that in the event of another European war a bridgehead on the continent must be held.

"In World War II we had the costly experience of making on the Normandy beaches the greatest amphibious assault in history to gain a toehold in Europe from which we could launch the final attack for victory."

"That beachhead cost the United States 21,000 casualties in the first 10 days. I was a commander of that sea to land assault and I hope the occasion will never arise when I might again be called upon to participate in such a hazardous, costly operation."

The Cost

General Bradley said he understands that the European Pact nations will furnish six or seven times the amount of military aid they receive from the United States.

Senator Forrest C. Donnel, Republican, Missouri, asked the General where he got the six or seven to one ratio.

General Bradley replied that it came from the State Department. He added that it was reported by Mr. Dean Acheson in an off the record talk.

Senator Brian McMahon, Connecticut, interrupted and said the figures came from the published military budgets of Western European countries which are known to all the world.

Mr. Donnel asked General Bradley if it is true that the original cost of the military equipment and supplies to be sent to Europe will be several times

General Bradley replied in the negative. He said: "We have troops in those countries and obligations under the Far

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General Bradley's statement

that Japan and the Philippines

are the United States defence line in the Pacific area, was in reply to a question by Republican Senator Arthur Watkins who recalled General Bradley's remark that the Western defence line is in the heart of Europe and asked where the Pacific defence line is situated.

General Bradley said: "We

have troops in Japan, Okinawa

and the Philippine Islands."

I presume that is where it is in the present situation."

Senator Watkins asked whether

General Bradley believes that a

treaty similar to the Atlantic

pact will be necessary to hold

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"FOOCHOW"	Swatow	7 a.m. 8th May
"TSINAN"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 8th May
"NEWCHWANG"	Shanghai	5 p.m. 10th May
"SIENKING"	Yokohama, Yokkaichi & Kobe	5 p.m. 10th May
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama & Kobe	13th May
"PRODUCE"	Yokohama & Kobe	17th May
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"TSINAN"	Swatow	10 a.m. 6th May
"SIENKING"	Shanghai & Keelung	7 a.m. 7th May
"NEWCHWANG"	Swatow	10 a.m. 8th May
"KWEIYANG"	Japan	8th May
"PRODUCE"	Bangkok	a.m. 11/12th May
"NANCHANG"	Swatow	13th May
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"ANTENOR"	Liverpool & Glasgow	10th May

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"AGAPENOR"	UK, via Straits & Manila	24th May

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\$11,000 Armed Robbery Retold

The story of an armed robbery on January 15 by five men at 15 Connaught Road Central, third floor, in which money and valuables worth approximately HK\$11,000 were looted, was related before Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Indicted before a jury of five men and two women are Lam Wai and Wong Kau, who are charged with having taken part in the robbery.

A third accused, Wong Yuen-fai, is standing trial on a charge of receiving stolen property, alleged to have been proceeds of the said robbery.

All the accused are not legally defended, Mr. A. Hoolan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Inspector T. Cashman, is conducting the prosecution.

Corroborative evidence for the prosecution was given by witnesses, after which hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. this morning.

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It is hereby notified that commencing from Tuesday, May 3, 1949 and until further notice, the Outward Airmail to United Kingdom will be suspended. Tuesdays: GPO Kowloon 4.30 p.m., GPO Hong Kong 5 p.m. (Regd. 4 p.m., Ord. 4.30 p.m.).

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"TASMAN"	from Manila & Amoy 11th May.	to Manila & Amoy 12th May.
SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE	Arrivals	Sailings
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	from B. Dell & Straits 20th May.	to Straits & B. Dell 28th May.
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MONROVIA, May 3.—Angry crowds surrounded the Mombasa and Nairobi branches of the Exchange Bank of India and Africa today when notices were posted saying that no further payment would be made.

All the staff of the Mombasa branch barricaded themselves in, and shouts from the crowd for the manager went unanswered.

The branch took action after cabled instructions from the head office in India, telling the local manager to apply for a moratorium through the appropriate court.

It was reported from Bombay yesterday that the Exchange Bank of India and Africa has suspended payments and is temporarily unable to meet its obligations. The Bank was registered in 1943, with an authorised capital of £800,000. It has branches in India, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Aden, and London.

Mr. J. M. Raval, chief agent of the Bank at Mombasa, thinks the action must have been due to heavy withdrawals in India. It is impossible to say at this stage what will happen, he added.

A notice outside the London branch of the Exchange Bank of India and Africa said that it has suspended payment. An official said the Bank will re-open as soon as funds are forthcoming.

They do not expect any undue delay.

Application To Court

A Bank spokesman said further news is awaited from India. All that the London staff, which numbers about a dozen, know is that the Bank is applying to the High Court for an order staying the beginning or continuance of all action and proceedings against the Bank.

The spokesman said more information might be available tomorrow. The Midlands Bank, London clearing bankers for the Exchange Bank of India and Africa, has no information available.

London financial quarters decline to comment. From the present sparse information, it is stated in the City of London, it is not possible to tell how serious the effects will be.

In Colombo, police were called in yesterday to disperse a large crowd which gathered outside the locked doors of the Bank to make withdrawals.

A telegram from the head office in Bombay was posted outside the Bank ordering suspension of payments because a moratorium is being applied for.—Reuters.

LONDON STOCKS

London, May 4.—The end of the present trading session on the stock exchange was quiet yesterday. Long dated gilt-edged securities were again supported while demand for leading industrial stocks was small.

Iron and steel stocks were

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Bawato, Capt. W. Awcock, Capt. Whr.
MARIEKERK (RIL) Dutch, 4,411 tons, ex-
Shanghai, Capt. F. Mass 12
SHIRAH (Mac Mac) British, 4,472 tons, ex-
Singapore, Capt. H. Maquire 13
SINKIANG (H & B) British, 1,765 tons, ex-
Canton, Capt. D. B. Richardson
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NOOTUA (Mac Mac) British, 8,851 tons, ex-
Singapore, Capt. C. Halliday 14
TAI YUN (King Tak) ex-Keeling 15
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TODAY

RENLEI (Loxley) ex-UK
TURKISHHEAD (Everett) ex-Shanghai.

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TRINAN (H & B) ex-Swallow
VAN HEUTZ (HUL) ex-Amoy.

Shipping Departures YESTERDAY

AIROS (Dowell) for Yokohama
NAM DEE (CMNS) for Chefoo
SAN MIGUEL (A) Man) for Baltimore
TAI YUN (King Tak) for Keeling.

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AGAENGH (H & B) for Hobo
BOUGAINVILLE (Bank) for Los Angeles
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AGAENGH (H & B) K. Whr.
ALFA ORANGE (Gibb Llyd) K. Doel
ANAKO (RIL) K. Doel
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BOISSEVAIN (HUL) K. Whr.
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BUNHWOOD (Mac Mac) K. Doel
CARABITA (Bank) K. Doel
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CICLOPE (Waino K) K. Doel
EMPIRE FAIRH (Moller) T. Doel
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HAI HSIA (CMNS) B. S.
HAI YUAN (Douglas) Yaumai
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LIBIN (Jin Pin Co) K. Doel
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MAGHORN (H & B) K. Doel
MAYON (Jardine) K. Doel
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NGO WEI (CMNS) B. S. P.
NORTH STAR (Yick Yuen) Yaumai
PAKAI (H & B) K. Doel
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PHONTO (Ta Hing) Yaumai
PROSPER (Yen Tai Hong) Yaumai
RAEAL (RIL) T. Doel
SAN EDUARDO (Manners) Yaumai
TIKAMPEK (RIL) T. Doel
TEGELBERG (RIL) T. Doel

VESSELS DUE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

5. BOISSEVAIN (RIL) May 18
10. TIKAMPEK (RIL) June 15
15. TEGELBERG (RIL) July 1

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

AMERICA TRANSPORT (Jardine) 28
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BATAAN (Bank) 28
COCOLOADE (Dowell) ex-Vancouver
JONA NATI (Bank) 28
JONATHAN MATHIAS (Gillman) 28
GREGORY'S CASTLE (Moller) via
Shanghai and Japan

IVARAN (Wallen) 28
MARCHEN MAERSK (Jeben) 28
OCEANIDE (Dowell) ex-Halifax

OREGON (Dowell) ex-Vancouver

PIONEER DALE (HUL) for New York
PIONEER LADY (HUL) for New York
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PRESTON (APL) ex-Latima
STEEL JONSON (APL) ex-Latima
STEEL MARKER (Gillman) ex-New
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1. CLIFFIDE (Dowell) ex-Halifax
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HONG KONG, THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1949.

LAND FORCES DEFEAT SCHOOL LADS IN MEET

(By "KIMBERLEY")

Lawn Bowls Season Open At HKCC

The Hong Kong Cricket Club officially opened their Lawn Bowls Season yesterday at Chater Road when they entertained visitors to a four-rinks friendly game of bowls. The visitors won by 93 shots to 50. The visitors won on every rink.

The biggest win of the day was that registered by A.M. Omar and his men against Williamson's rink. Omar took the lead right from the start and kept it until the last wood was called. At the end of the 15th head Omar was leading by 13-7. The next two heads, however, proved fatal for Williamson and his men, for he allowed Omar to chalk up two fours in succession.

George Souza, No. 2 to Omar, was the sheet anchor of the rink and played a good game. Both Jameson and Madar gave his skip good support.

Williamson's front men played well but were not steady enough for their opponents. Williamson played an aggressive game and saved at least a dozen shots.

Good Start

Forrest's rink started off by securing nine shots after seven heads. Thereafter, Edwards and his men, through some steady bowling, reduced the lead considerably and when the game ended were down by three shots. The final score was 15-12.

Mitchell, who was right-hand man to Edwards, did what was expected of him and sent down some brilliant woods.

R.H. Wild and his men made a flying start in their match against Jillett by scoring ten shots in the first three heads. The latter team, however, played well and with R.F. Luz putting up a skilful display, won by five shots, the final score being 26-21. Wild registered a six during the course of the game.

J. Bradly and his men scored on 12 heads which included a five and four fours to beat Sammy Shields by 10 shots, the score being 28-18. Shields was in good form and saved a number of shots for his team.

HKCC VISITORS
G.W. Sewell W.C. Ogle
A.S. Erson J.O. Grady
W. McFellar R.F. Luz
R.H. Wild A. Jillett
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T.C. Fairburn T. Carr
R.W. Franklin A. Almster
T. Croftwaite F.V.V. Ribbeck
H.F. Shields J. Bradley
(Skip) 18 (Skip) 23
R. Oliver S.M. Rumjahn
F.C.B. Black Oppenshaw
E.J.R. Mitchell U.A. Rumjahn
R.A. Edwards J. Forrest
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L.R. Wood Jameson
A.D. Humphreys G.A. Souza
C.D. Wales T.A. Madar
W. Williamson A.M. Omar
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Total 59 Total 53

Land Forces, winning in seven of the 10 events, defeated King George V School in an athletic meet by 16 points yesterday, a preliminary try-out for the Colony Open Championships at Caroline Hill on May 19, 20 and 22.

Peter McRae, the school-boy star athlete and one of the Colony's fastest sprinters today, won the 100 and 220 yards in impressive times despite a shin injury which took him off the high jump and relay events.

The school-boys were particularly weak in the jumps. In none of these events were they able to put up any appreciative competition although, had McRae (good for a 5/4 height) been in the jump, he would most certainly have walked away with it. As it was, Gababsing-Tamang of the Gurkhas won the event with a five-feet performance.

The star of the day for Land Forces was Kirsowell, who finished with considerable ease in the mile race after fighting it out with Eggleton in the 880 to win that as well.

Kirsowell's worth was confirmed in the medley relay: 220, 240, 440, 880.

A Spectacular Effort

Miller (LF) ran easily against Salter to give Hutchinson a five-yard lead. In the second leg against Turner (substituting for McRae), Land Forces lost their advantage when Turner surprised the field in a spectacular effort that brought him abreast with Hutchinson when the baton was passed to the 440 round.

Barrago (LF), placed second earlier in the 440, ran well against Knight to finish slightly ahead when the baton was passed to the final lap, the 880, that saw Eggleton against Kirsowell, a decidedly level-headed runner.

Eggleton kept calmly behind Kirsowell for the first lap, at the end of which the soldier was second to Knight in the medley relay.

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